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Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)

Box: Patent Application
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Anticipated Classification

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

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application of pending prior Application No.09/443,713, filed onDecember 1, 1999.

Inventor(s): Harry A. Loder and Duane T. Smith

Title: OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTOR SYSTEM

1. Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.
2. Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
4. Enclosed is a new specification.
5. Enclosed are 14 sheet(s) of drawings.
6. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (not applicable for CIP)
7. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/443,713 filed December 1, 1999.

8. Please cancel claims 1-7.
9. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
10. This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

The fee for filing the application is computed as follows:

Claims As Filed, After Accounting For Any Claims Canceled Or Added In Paragraphs 8 Or 9 Above				
(1) For	(2) Number Filed	(3) Number Extra	(4) Rate	(5) Basic Fee
Total Claims	5 -20 =	-0-	x \$18.	\$-0-
Independent Claims	2 -3 =	-0-	x \$78.	\$-0-
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims			\$260.	\$
Total Filing Fee Due →				\$690

11. Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to file and during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary it is hereby requested. A copy of this transmittal letter for fee processing is enclosed.
12. An assignment
 - to 3M Innovative Properties Company is of record in the prior application.
 - from Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company to 3M Innovative Properties Company has been filed/is being filed concurrently in the prior application but is not yet recorded.
 - to _____ is enclosed along with a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
13. A power of attorney is enclosed.
14. Enclosed is a return receipt postcard.
15. Other

Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10 I certify that this application is being deposited on the date indicated below with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
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